Shrotfall of coal in Gujarat

4790. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortfall of coal production in Gujarat;

(b) whether any enquiry has been conducted;

(c)if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any effort has been made to assess annual estimate of coal production in the State for the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINERALS (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) to (d) As per the available information, coal is not being mined / produced in Gujarat. However Gujarat produces some quantity of lignite. Lignite production in Gujarat during the year 1998-99 was 5.0 million tonnes and during 1999-2000, was 4.3 million tonnes (provisional).

Coal India Limited has been despatching around 16 million tonnes of coal per annum to various consumers in Gujarat.

Restructuring of CIL Subsidiaries

4791. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken fresh initiatives for restructuring Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiaries and other Corporation/PSUs under his Ministry;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals finalized / under consideration alongwith recent policy measures taken to improve performance of PSUs in Mining and Mineral Sector; and

(c) the details regarding performance review of PSUs for 1999-2000 in terms of MoUs signed / standard assessment norms PSU-wise and how does it compare with the performance profile for the previous two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND THE MINERALS (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) to (c) In July, 1996 certain measures were taken by the central government to restructure the capital base of Coal India Limited (CIL). These measures were (i) moratorium on repayment of outstanding interest free non-plan loan of Rs. 432.64 crores (owed by CIL to

the government as on 31.3.92) till 1998-99 (ii) waiver of overdue interest of Rs. 891.75 crores payable by CIL as on 31.3.92 and penal interest Rs. 138.48 crores on government loan to CIL due from 1.4.95 to 31.3.96 and (iii) conversion of outstanding plan loan amounting to Rs. 904.18 crores due from CIL as on 31.3.92 into non-cumulative 10% preference shares redeemable from the profits in the year 2003-04.

In 1997-98 an internal exercise of restructuring of capital and debt profile of the subsidiary companies of CIL was done. As a result of the internal capital restructuring the paid-up equity capital of Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) and Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) increased by Rs. 1179.45 crores and Rs. 996.00 crores respecitvely by conversion of their debt to CIL into equity.

Despite the above measures ECL and BCCL are continuing to incur losses. ICCI which had been engaged to study the problems of ECL and make recommendations for its viability has submitted its Report. A proposal for revival of ECL, based on the recommendations of ICICI is being considered in the Government. As regards BCCL and CCL, CIL Board has decided to engage ICICI and IDBI for suggesting revival plans for BCCL and CCL.

The performance of Coal India Limited, based on the indicators of Memorandum of Understanding, for the last three years is as under:

Year	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000 (Prov.)
MoU rating	Very good	Fair	Fair

The information in respect of other Central Public Sector Undertakings under the administrative control of the Ministry of Mines and Minerals is being collected.

M / s Voltas Ltd. bags CIL Contract

†4792. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the recent past Coal India Limited has awarded the contract for mining equipments to M/s Voltas Limited which is the largest order in the world and the biggest order of the Millennium.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.